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**SUBJECT: AMY DELAP AND WILLIAM KOLOK AT THE KREMPP GALLERY**

**EXHIBIT DATES: AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Krempp Gallery at the Jasper Arts Center is pleased to present the artwork of mixed-media artist, Amy DeLap of Vincennes, IN and sculptor, William Kolok of Owensboro, KY.

Amy DeLap's work focuses on non-objective, mixed-media collages. The pieces often have an underlying symmetry; implied static geometric structures, especially the grid, are expressed via fluid organic marks. The works are constructed from materials that are familiar, that carry the blunt factualness of the physical world. Layers of marks and colors, and films of glaze are added. Interwoven textures and spaces suggest contrast between the tangible and intangible, the intent being to offer a glimpse into that which is essential beyond form. Play between what is and what is not suggests, metaphorically, that fragile life is infused with unseen presence, its source, and that numinous strangeness lies just below the surface of ordinary objects and events.

Amy states, "I like to think that for the artist making art, and the viewer thoughtfully looking at an exhibition, there is the possibility of experiencing a window, however fleeting, into that which defies language and yet defines encompassing reality."

As a sculptor, William Kolok creates a relationship between reclaimed materials scavenged over time and natural materials such as wood and stone. Preferring elements with a distinctive spirit, Kolok often uses materials such as aged lumber, limestone from old churches, or weather-worn tools. The resulting sculptures speak simplicity, boldness, and subtlety to the viewer, and are the reflection of his artistic talent and life experience combined into the mystery of creating. His work highlights the beauty in binding the aged material and the abstract element.

Amy DeLap holds a Master of Fine Arts in Painting/Mixed-media from the University of Michigan, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture from Washington University, Undergraduate study in ceramics from University of Michigan, and Foundation Program from Tyler School of Art at Temple University.

William Kolok holds a Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture from the University of Georgia, and a Bachelor of Art and Art Education from Berry College.

The exhibit will be in the Krempp Gallery from August 5 – 28, 2020. Due to COVID-19, there will not be an Opening Reception.

The Krempp Gallery, located in the Jasper Arts Center adjacent to the VUJ campus, is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm, until 7 pm on Thursdays, and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. School groups, clubs and students are welcome. Admission is free.

For more information, please call the Arts Center at 812-482-3070. The Jasper Arts Center is managed by Jasper Community Arts, a department of the City of Jasper. JCA is supported by the Friends of the Arts, Inc., the Indiana Arts Commission through its regional partner the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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